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THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL BUT EXACT TRANSCRIPT OF A MAY 8
UPI INTERVIEW WITH THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITING BANGKOK:
"Q: WHEN WILL YOU HAVE THE EMBASSY HERE?

A. WE TRY OUR BEST TO OPEN OUR EMBASSY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
JUST NOW, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS
WELL AS TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES; SO IT WILL BE IT WILL BE ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME TO OPEN OUR EMBASSY HERE. WE WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO DO
SO.

Q. HOW SOON WILL THAT BE?

A. HUH?

Q. HOW SOON WOULD THAT BE, BEFORE 1975 OVER OR? ... ?

A. YES, WE'LL.... YES EXPECT.... WE HOPE AND WE LOOK FORWARD
TO THIS TODAY BEFORE EXPIRY THIS YEAR. END THIS YEAR.

Q. WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST TARGET OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THIS
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RELATIONSHIP. WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST TASK YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

A WHAT I, YOU MEAN THE TASK.... WHAT BY THE TASK. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Q. FOLLOWING THIS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP, WHAT WILL BE THE FIRST PRIMARY JOB YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH?

A. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE INCREASE, UH, INCREASEABLE, FREQUENT EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS, DELEGATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND AS WELL AS THE INCREASEABLE TRADE AND ECONOMICAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO THIS.....

Q. FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S VISIT BY YOUR DELEGATION TRADE MISSION WHO HAS BEEN TOURING THAILAND, WHAT WAS THE FOLLOW UP? WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THAT TOUR? HAVE YOU FOUND OUT WHAT KIND OF MERCHANDISE YOU CAN BUY FROM THAILAND?

A. FOLLOWING OUR TRADE MISSION'S VISIT LAST YEAR, WE... THE INITIAL AGREEMENT WAS MADE ON THE TO EXPORT FROM OUR PART, MACHINERIES, STEEL, STEEL PELLETS, AND SOME CHEMICAL FERTILIZER AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, AND SO ON. AND WE GET FROM YOUR COUNTRY RUBBER. WE TRY TO GET RUBBER AND SOME GUNNY BAGS AND WHAT ELSE? THAT'S ALL. I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR IDEA ABOUT WHAT WHAT THE SPECIFIC ITEMS IS EXCHANGED. IN OUR BUSINESS MEN KNOW EACH AND EVERY DETAILS OF THIS.

Q. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS, ONE, HOW MANY COUNTRIES HAS NORTH KOREA HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS IN 1975. NEXT. NUMBER TWO QUESTION, WOULD THESE BE A SIGNAL WITH FURTHER RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES, THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, OR WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, NOT A MEMBER OF ASEAN NATION MIX?

A. THIS IS OUR CONSISTANT FOREIGN POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES, WITH ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHO WISHES TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR COUNTRY, ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMPLETE EQUALITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS BASIC LINE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, WE ESTABLISH THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LITTEL OVER 80
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COUNTRIES NOW. THIS YEAR ALONE, IN '75, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FIGI, PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE AND THAI, NOW. TODAY THAI.

WE ALREADY HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THIS ASEAN COUNTRIES. INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, WE HAVE CONSULAR RELATIONS WITH SINGAPORE.

Q. HOW ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES?

A WE'RE ALSO TRYING. WE ALSO TRY.

Q. COULD THE OUTCOME OF THE INDOCHINA WAR HAVE THE EFFECT OF SPEEDING UP THE REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA?

A. OF COURSE, THE DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA HAS A FAVORABLE IS A FAVORITE FOR OUR COURSE OF NATIONAL REUNIFICATION. BUT THE MAIN SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS WILL LIE IN OUR OWN EFFORTS. IN OUR OWN EFFORTS. SO IT IS WE THAT CAN SOLVE THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. SO WE TRY OUR BEST TO, FROM OUR, TO SOLVE OUR OWN PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF OUTSIDE FORCES AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE KOREAN SOIL. INDEPENDENTLY AND PEACEFULLY.

ANYTHING MORE, YOU CAN ASK US ANY TIME, ANY TIME.
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